

April 3, 2024

Subject: Fully Fund our Public Schools!

Dear Legislator,

As you are certainly aware by this point, the proposed executive budget entails a significant reduction in public school funding for this year. However, what is now apparent is the detrimental impact this budget will have on schools statewide, especially Fabius-Pompey Central School District.

The decrease in Foundation Aid will deprive our District of essential resources needed to deliver quality education. This decision not only reneges on a commitment made to our children and educators, but it also undermines the cornerstone of a robust and fair education system, imperiling the future of our communities.

The repercussions of this funding gap will reverberate across our District, hitting those already facing challenges the hardest. Without both the promised funds and additional funding, our District will be compelled to make staffing cuts and potentially increase class sizes. This transcends mere budgetary concerns; it speaks to our state's priorities and values.

The students of Fabius-Pompey deserve better. We can and must do better. We trust that you, as members of the state legislature, share a commitment to improving the communities you represent and our entire state.

I implore you to champion our students and District by taking all necessary measures to adequately fund our public education system. Our children deserve a future founded on the assurance of a top-notch education, and it is our duty to uphold that assurance.

Thank you for considering this urgent plea. I eagerly anticipate your actions to address this issue and support a budget that genuinely invests in our state's most precious asset—its children.